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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month

≥ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month.

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